

2 Samuel 7
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God's House for David

2 Samuel 7:1 ESV

1 Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,

Some believe that the events of 2 Samuel 7 happened after the wars of conquest described in 2 Samuel 8. Those who take that position say that this section is placed before the war accounts in the text to show its greater importance.

David is sitting on throne over all of Israel and the land is at peace. He is beginning to enjoy the luxuries that accompany royalty. Hiram, king of Lebanon, has sent to David cedars with which a stately palace was built for David.

2 Samuel 5:11-12 ESV

And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, also carpenters and masons who built David a house. 12 And David knew that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

Cedar wood was especially valued.

What an AMAZING contrast to the days he spent hiding from Saul — living in caves (Adullam/Engedi.) In Chapter 6, David has brought the Ark of the Covenant up to Jerusalem. Jerusalem has become the center of worship in Israel. David could truly say — "My cup runneth over."

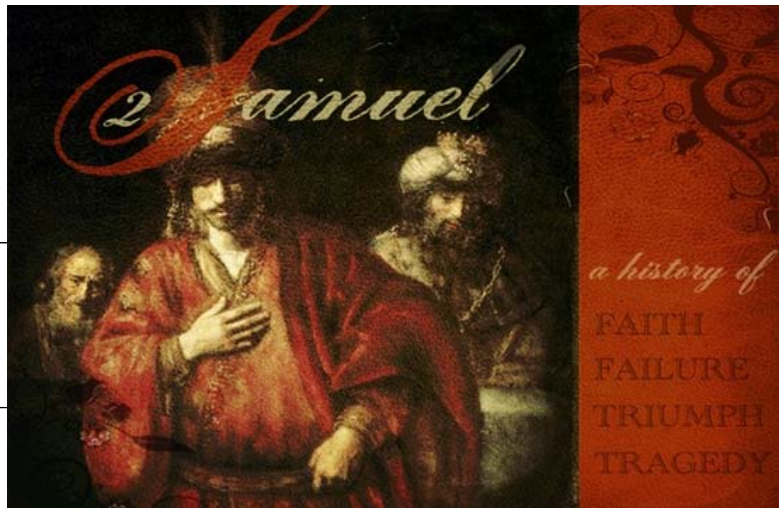
One day, as David was sitting in his beautiful cedar palace thinking of how blessed he was to have such a beautiful dwelling place, he thought to himself, "It isn't right — Here I am sitting in this palace made of cedar while the Ark of God is in a tent. So David called for Nathan the prophet.

2 Samuel 7:2-3 ESV

2 Samuel 7:2 2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." 3 And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you."

David's heart was filled with this question — "What can I do for God?" He was so filled with gratitude for the goodness of God, so concerned for God's glory that he wanted to do something special for God. Nathan told David to go for it - That the Lord would bless the endeavor.

2 Samuel 7:4 ESV



2 Samuel 7:4 4But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan,

But denotes CONTRAST! There are TWO levels of contrast here.

1. The word of the Lord that came to Nathan would stand in CONTRAST to the word of Nathan.
2. The word of the Lord didn't come to Nathan until that night!

Meaning that Nathan had spoken BEFORE the Word of the Lord came to him. Nathan spoke from his own wisdom and opinion - Not God's!

QUOTE:

G. Campbell-Morgan — "It is of the utmost importance that we should ever test our desires, even the highest and holiest of them, by His will. Work, excellent in itself, should never be undertaken, save at the express command of God. The passing of time will always vindicate the wisdom of the Divine will."

[2 Samuel 7:4-7 ESV](#)

4But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, 5"Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? 6I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. 7In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' 8Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David,

In essence — God says to Nathan — "Nathan — you spoke to soon... You spoke your mind, not Mine."

KEY QUESTION: God would not let DAVID build the Temple
Why did God say "No" to David's offer?

[1 Chronicles 22:8-10 ESV](#) explains this:

8But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth. 9Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. 10He shall build a house for my name. He shall be my son, and I will be his father, and I will establish his royal throne in Israel forever.'

God then essentially says to Nathan — "By the way, since you're the one who encouraged him to build it, you have to tell him that he can't do it." "But - You can tell David that I will build a house for him!"

The next morning — Nathan went to David and said, "David, I have some bad news and some great news." "The bad news is that God has rejected your plan to build Him a house." "God has NEVER commanded ANYONE to build a house for Him." "Since the children of Israel came out of Egypt He has dwelt in a tent."

WE DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS:

David wants to do more than God commands. This is an awesome place to be in our relationship with God.

Sometimes we get stuck in the mindset of:

- "How little can I do and still please the LORD?"
- "Oh well, I guess I HAVE to do this."
- Never really wanting to do more than God commands.

Nathan went on to say — "But here's the Great News - God has said that He is going to build YOU a house!" "Your son that will sit on the throne after you, he will build the house for the worship of God." "And then, He will establish your throne forever!"

David was so blown out by this that he excused himself from the prophet and went in and sat down before

God.

[2 Samuel 7:18-20 ESV](#)

18Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, "Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? 19And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord God. You have spoken also of your servant's house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord God! 20And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God!

By way of Nathan, God had reminded David of what He had already done for David.

[2 Samuel 7:8 ESV](#)

8Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.

David was nothing more than one of the many little boys that guided the sheep around the hills of Bethlehem. Something you can still see today.

God said – "I took you from such a humble beginning and placed you upon the throne of Israel. One day – David was out with the sheep when someone came to him and told him that his father needed him right away. When he arrived, there was a stranger with a horn of oil in his hands. When the stranger saw the boy, his face lit up!

[1 Samuel 16:12-13 NLT](#)

12So Jesse sent for him. He was ruddy and handsome, with pleasant eyes. And the LORD said, "This is the one; anoint him." 13 So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the olive oil he had brought and poured it on David's head. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

Wow! One moment you're a shepherd boy, the next you're anointed by God to be king of Israel!

[2 Samuel 7:9 ESV](#)

9And I have been with you wherever you went

- "David when you faced Goliath, I was with you."
- When Saul was throwing spears at you, I was with you.
- When Saul was chasing you in the wilderness, I was with you.
- Wherever you went David, I was with you.

Life had not been easy for David. He had been in some pretty intense places. Many times he passed through the valley of the shadow of death. BUT THE LORD WAS WITH HIM! (Like Joseph)

CRUCIAL:

Follows perfectly from yesterday's study in 1 Thes. 3

Walking with the Lord does NOT guarantee Divine immunity from affliction (thlipsis), But the Lord will be with you in your problems.

EXAMPLE: [Psalms 34:19 ESV](#)

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

If the Bible said, "Many are the afflictions of the wicked," there would be a period after the word "wicked." But the Bible says, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous" - **COMMA** - But the Lord delivers him out of them all. It's not that you will not have afflictions. It's that the Lord is WITH YOU in all of them.

David had experienced that very thing and would later write:

[Psalms 23:4 NLT](#)

Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

There is COMFORT and CONFIDENCE from knowing that God is with us.

[2 Samuel 7:9 ESV](#)

9 and have cut off all your enemies from before you.

This was a time of PEACE in Israel. God had delivered their enemies into their hands.

[2 Samuel 7:9 ESV](#)

9 And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.

Wherever David went people extolled the greatness of his exploits.

By the way:

- Let the Lord make your name great
- Let YOUR reputation be
- HIS business Make HIS reputation YOURS (live in such a way that He is exalted and glorified)

But God went on to tell David what He was GOING to do.

[2 Samuel 7:12-16 ESV](#)

12When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.....16And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

David understood that this meant that the Messiah would come through his lineage. God had promised Abraham that the Messiah would come through his descendants.

[Genesis 22:18 ESV](#)*and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed,*

Now God is declaring to David that David's throne will last forever. So the messiah MUST be born of the seed of Abraham, and through the lineage of David. The prophets recognized and confirmed this this.

[Isaiah 9:6-7 ESV](#)

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Messiah will sit upon the throne of David and rule forever.

In the New Testament, when the angel came to Mary, who according to Luke was a descendant of David? The angel made this statement concerning the child that she was to bare:

[Luke 1:32-33 ESV](#)

32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, 33and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

NOTE WELL:

The family of Saul became totally extinct; the family of David remained till the incarnation.

When David realized what God had promised, it was MORE than he could handle. He went out from Nathan and just sat before God and RESPONDED to the blessings of God. David's FIRST RESPONSE to the blessings of God was a sense of total unworthiness

[2 Samuel 7:18 ESV](#)

18Then King David went in and sat before the Lord and said, "WHO AM I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far?"

WHO AM I

- That YOU should make ME King?
- That YOU would be with me?
- That YOU should Deliver me from my enemies?
- That YOU should make my name great?
- That YOU should promise me such things?

When David received this spectacular gift, he didn't think it made him any greater. David's attitude wasn't, "I am so great that even God's gives me gifts." His attitude was, "God is so great that He gives even me gifts."

THE GRACE OF GOD ALWAYS produces that response in the heart of the man or woman who experiences it. IF you have truly experienced the GRACE of God, God doing for you that which you do not deserve. God doing for you that which you could never earn. Your FIRST RESPONSE is that of UNWORTHINESS. You look at your past and you remember all that God has done for you. You think of His glorious promises for your future. And you know that it is ALL because of God's grace. God has done for you that which you don't deserve. And all that YOU can say is WHO AM I

- That YOU should lift ME out of the miry clay... out of the horrible pit?
- That YOU should cleanse ME of all sin?
- That YOU would make ME Your child and walk with me, and strengthen me and deliver me?

David was so overwhelmed by the promises of God that he was SPEECHLESS!

[*2 Samuel 7:20 ESV](#)

20And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord God!

I can not think of any man who was or is more articulate than David. When I read the Psalms I have to stand in awe of his ability to express himself to God. In fact, when I need help in expressing my love to God I will turn to the Psalms because David was so gifted in expressing his love and thanksgiving and praises to God. Yet, as gifted as he was at articulating his emotions to God, the blessings of God brought him to the point of saying, "What can I say, God?"

THERE ARE emotions that are so deep and profound either in times of deep grief or ecstasy that there is NO adequate form of language to express them. Any attempt to put those feelings into words only DIMINISHES... It is a clumsy effort.

PERSONAL:

I thank God for those times when He has been working in my heart in such a way that words are simply inadequate, and I have to echo the words of David, and what more can I say unto you? for you, Lord God,

know your servant.

Those times when the Holy Spirit opens the Scriptures.

The Spirit is ministering to me and suddenly my circumstances make sense and become clear. I have a feeling that when we get to heaven that there are going to be some moments of silence. It will be the most perfect, most profound silence born out of a holy awe of the riches of His grace.

[Ephesians 2:7 ESV](#)

7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

If you see me in heaven just kind of numb, it will just be a heavenly version of "What can I say God?"

It is very possible that when the worship of God reaches it's highest, that the ONLY response is silence.

[1 Peter 1:8 ESV](#)

8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

BECAUSE the peace and love of God are BEYOND understanding and human knowledge!

[Phil 4:7 ESV](#)

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

[Ephesians 3:19 ESV](#)

19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

CRUCIAL:

It is the person who EXPERIENCES such things in relationship with God that RESPONDS to God as David did.

If YOU have never had such experiences, then you are missing out on life itself! God wants to work in YOUR life and reveal the riches of His grace towards YOU! He wants YOU to know what it is to be taken from death to life, darkness to light! Experience the reality of His presence in every circumstance in life. He wants to give YOU victory over the World the flesh and the devil. The honor and joy of being called a child of God. He wants YOU to receive His promises of a glorious future to be lived with Him in His presence forever. All that God has done in David's life, He desires to do in YOURS.

Have YOU experienced those things? If so, you have known those times of OVERWHELMING UNWORTHINESS. You have said yourself, Who am I that You would call me? You have experienced a total inability to adequately express your love and gratitude for all that He has done for you.

IF NOT, Then tonight Jesus wants to bring YOU into a LIVING and LIFE-CHANGING relationship with Himself. That relationship BEGINS by realizing that you DESERVE NOTHING from God except judgment. YOU have broken God's law, the Bible calls it sin. ALL have sinned. The wages of sin is death. But here is the GRACE of God. When you DESERVED judgment, could never earn right standing before Him, He sent His Only Begotten Son, Jesus, to die on a cross in your place. There Jesus endured the wrath of God that YOU deserve. Purchased for you, by His own blood, freedom from the penalty and power of sin. Washed YOU from YOUR sins with HIS blood. Three days later He rose from the grave to GUARANTEE the forgiveness of sins and the promise of life to ANYONE who would recognize that they are sinners needing a savior, repent of their sins and place their PERSONAL TRUST in the PERSON of Jesus to save them.

And WHEN you do that, you will be FORGIVEN of your sins and receive the GIFT of eternal life! And YOU will say, WHO AM I that God would LOVE me and SAVE me?

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